SUBJECT No. 223.

Frequent changes of text-books in Government schools.

Mr. N. M. Sivalingappa, Kadur Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—The Government are spending large sums of money for the advancement of education. To realise the object of the Government, it is no doubt necessary that the Text-book Committee should choose the best and most suitable books, but at the same time it is not less necessary that such text-books should not be altered too frequently as the people in the rural parts not advanced in education will lose faith in all books. At present the text-books are being changed too frequently. It is requested that this may not be done.

Mr. C. Srinivasa Rao.—The text-books are changed sometimes in the middle of the year.

Reply of Government.—A list may be sent to Government showing the changes in text-books during the last three years.

SUBJECT No. 224.

A syllabus for the education of women.

Messrs. M. Venkatakrishnaiya, Madappa and N. Srikantaiya, Mysore City Municipality; and Moulvi Dervish Peer, Anjuman-i-Himayath Islam, Mysore.

Summary of discussion.—The general education of girls and boys may be the same up to the middle school standard. Then the syllabus for women must be such as to impart to them a knowledge of what is necessary to make them good wives, mothers and house-keepers. In the case of young women who have well-to-do husbands there is no objection to a departure from the syllabus. A small committee of educationists may be appointed to devise such a syllabus.

Reply of Government.—Will be referred to the Inspector-General of Education.

SUBJECT No. 225.

Curricula of studies in the various classes of Anglo-Vernacular schools.

Messrs. M. Venkatakrishnaiya, Mysore City Municipality and K. Sankaranarayana Rao, Nagar Sabha.

Summary of discussion.—(1) History and Geography may be taught in English in the II and III Forms and the students examined in English in those subjects. This will improve the knowledge of students in English. Examining pupils in Kannada, subjects taught in English, is not good.

(2) No examination need be held in the moral and religious works taught in the class, as the students are already examined in so many subjects and on so many occasions every year.

(3) The Kannada Lower Secondary classes may be re-established in all the Anglo-Vernacular schools. At present students who live in towns where there are Anglo-Vernacular schools and are desirous of studying for the Kannada Lower Secondary Examination are much inconvenienced for want of a Kannada Lower Secondary class. The notification of the Inspector-General of Education on this and other matters, No. D. 2, dated 3rd August 1908, may be cancelled.

(4) The obligation to study English as soon as the student passes the Kannada second class may be removed. The rule compels the student to pay school fee from